

Complainant's (Charles Lewis's) Response to Defendant's (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's) Motion to  
Dismiss the Complaint, Docket 2019-187-E, Order 2019-74H  
June 27, 2019

This is by way of response to the motion for dismissal of above mentioned Complaint, motion by Duke Energy Carolinas LLC (hereafter, simply, "Duke").

Complainant (hereafter, "I") hereby affirms that even if Duke *may* be technically correct in its contention that existing law does not mandate its automatic compliance with my request that my EMF-emitting (as measured recently with an appropriate gauge) digital Duke electric meter be replaced by a bi-directional analog meter, compatible with solar panel function, Duke's status, nonetheless, as a *public utility*, under Public Service Commission of South Carolina (hereafter, "Commission") oversight, exempt on at least some level from antitrust procedures, and, therefore, with an obligation to serve the community's interests should oblige it to provide such a mechanism, especially since:

- Duke surely has at its disposal such (analog) devices, as its national corporation provides them to all of its Florida customers with such panels,
- The shipping of such a meter here from Florida (or wherever) would, reasonably, involve, at worst, only a nominal cost (one I would be willing to pay, if required),
- My health history shows a marked, serious sensitivity to radiation (sensitivity of a type common, I am told, to about 8% of the population),
  - I am experiencing (and *have* experienced for quite a few months) symptoms, along those lines, that are totally debilitating and likely life threatening,
  - In my very limited association with other radiation victims in South Carolina (hereafter, "SC"), I have encountered at least one other Duke customer with practically identical symptoms,
  - Even before Duke filed this motion, I had left a voice message with Commission's Randall Dong, describing my inability, due to said symptoms, to travel distances as far as Columbia from my home and requesting either a change of venue for the then-scheduled hearing or permission to testify telephonically (although I left this message about a month or more ago and called back after a few days when I did not hear back, to learn at that point that Mr Dong was out of the office and would contact me upon his return the following week, I have, in fact, still, for some reason that may or may not be his fault, not heard from him),
- Before the onset of my symptoms, I had purchased a system of solar paneling (one that would work with a {non-radiating} analog meter under the Florida parameters, but which would require what I have found, through a brief, inadvertent, experience with a solar-compatible "smart" meter, is an especially deleterious version, under the company's SC norms), forcing me to leave the panels unused.
  - This has already resulted in substantial financial damages to me, on a tiny Social Security pension, in that since way back in August of 2018, I have been obligated for \$147.41 a month on a personal loan I took to fund the purchase and installation of these panels, meanwhile paying Duke for all the electrical energy I use (while not getting the first watt from the panel system and certainly not able to sell back excess energy to Duke, as is normal), an ongoing double payment I certainly cannot afford long-term, and

- I have been a Duke customer in good standing for nearly 15 years, never having been delinquent on my payments or even late with any, and, over the past several years, even paying in full each month by auto-pay.

Thus, it appears that Duke places its corporate interests in not having to go through some inconvenience in applying, to one of its SC customers what is a matter of course for it in another state over the physical well-being of such a customer, his ability to remain solvent within even a surpassingly austere program of expenditures, and his very life, including when its attention to his critical needs would cost neither it nor its stockholders anything of substance.

I should think that the Commission, as overseeing agency, would be keenly interested in such a reality.

I would certainly prefer to settle this matter amicably "out of court" with Duke, but my efforts in this regard have so far been stonewalled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Lewis 6/27/2019

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